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1. [REDACTED] AN AGENT OF THE PCCH IN THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HAS REPORTED THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE PLANNING A "SAVAGE AND VIOLENT" PERSECUTION OF PCCH MILITANTS. THE AGENT TOLD THE PARTY THAT A LIST OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PCCH MILITANTS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP FOR SANTIAGO ALONE. THE AGENT RECOMMENDED THAT PARTY LEADERS AND IMPORTANT MILITANTS LEAVE THE COUNTRY EITHER BY TAKING ASYLUM OR AS TOURISTS.

2. AS A RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION THE PCCH LEADERSHIP HAS

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ORDERED THAT THE PROCESS OF PARTY RECONSTRUCTION BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. SENIOR PARTY MILITANTS ARE TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSES AND GO INTO HIDING WITH THEIR FAMILIES IF POSSIBLE. CONTACTS BETWEEN CELL MEMBERS ARE TO BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM. THE PCCH LEADERSHIP IS ALSO INSTRUCTING CERTAIN PARTY MEMBERS TO ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, WHILE OTHERS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO STAY.

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PCCH SAID THAT THE PARTY FEARED THAT THE ARMED FORCES WERE PREPARING AN AUTO-GOLPE. HE DEFINED THIS AS A SERIES OF SIMULATED ATTACKS IN MILITARY UNITS, SUPPOSEDLY BY COMMUNISTS, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR A REPRESSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PCCH, AND EVEN THE EXECUTION OF PCCH LEADERS NOW IN DETENTION. HE SAID SUCH A CAMPAIGN WOULD VIRTUALLY DESTROY THE PARTY, ALREADY IN A BAD STATE OF DISARRAY.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE PCCH APPEARS TO BELIEVE THE MILITARY MAY BE PLANNING THE ABOVE ACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORTING TO THIS EFFECT FROM OTHER SOURCES. [REDACTED]

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